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### TORY SPOILSMEN

Mr. Crothers, in his speech at Truro, pointed to the administration of the Whitney Government in Ontario as a reason why the people of Nova Scotia should place a Tory Government in power in this Province. The Halifax Chronicle says that Mr. Crothers is not familiar with the situation in Nova Scotia, or he would not have ventured to put forward such a ridiculous suggestion. But, leaving that aside, the example which the Whitney Government is presenting in Ontario hardly affords ground for a similar change elsewhere. One of the chief cries of the Ottawa Opposition has been against what they call "the spoils system." Of course, nobody takes this very seriously, for it is well known that when the Opposition were in power at Ottawa, they worked the spoils system to the very limit. It was then a case of "No Liberal Need Apply." Everything in the nature of offices, patronage and contracts were parcelled out to the henchmen of the party, and so it has been in all the Provinces in which the Tories have control. Outragedly enough, a very striking example of the exploitation of the spoils system has been given within a few days, in the Province of Ontario, by the Whitney Government.

Dr. Beaton, Superintendent of the Asylum for Idiots, at Orillia, has been dismissed from office, after thirty-three years' honorable and useful service, and the billet has been given to Mr. J. P. Downey, M. P. P. There is no charge against Dr. Beaton. There was not even the suggestion that he was not competent to perform the duties of the office. On the contrary, he was an expert on the treatment of insanity, and yet he was summarily fired out, on the pretext of "old age," and the \$2,600 job given to one of the favorites of the Government. Not long ago three License Commissioners in the City of Toronto actually resigned, because of the interference of politicians with the administration of the liquor license system. And the story is the same all over the Province. Quite recently Mr. Kelly Evans, the Chief Game Commissioner of Ontario, who received his appointment from the Whitney Government, presented a report to the effect that the game protection service of Ontario has been ruined by the appointment of incapable partisans. In New Brunswick, in Manitoba and British Columbia, the political axe has been continually in use on the heads of Liberal officials, and the spoils system is rampant. What is going on in these Provinces affords very substantial evidence as to what the Tories would do if they were given power at Ottawa. Their professions are one thing, their performances are usually quite the opposite. If Mr. Crothers is as zealous for the abolition of the spoils system as he pretends to be, he will leave the administration of Ontario under the Whitney Government out of his future schemes.

### CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Mr. Borden complains in general that the Laurier Government is spending too much good Canadian money. But Mr. Borden is distinctly reticent when it comes to detail.

It is very easy to criticize in general. If Mr. Borden really wants to convince people that Laurier is wasting money and that he himself would be more economical, he should give names, dates and instances—get down to brass tacks, as the man on the street would say.

He intimates that much money is thrown away on wharves and public buildings, for instance. Well, let us begin in Mr. Borden's own constituency. Was the armory a waste of

money? or the new custom house? or the Intercolonial harbor facilities? Is the proposal to extend these facilities extravagant? Is Mr. Borden opposed to the expenditure which the Naval College will entail? These items are typical of the list that makes up the total Mr. Borden complains about. Which of them would he have omitted if he had been premier?

As a matter of fact, the records of Parliament show that, while the opposition of course views with the usual alarm the sum total of the Government's disbursements, when it comes to detail they have nothing to say save to demand more. If all the opposition claims for public grants had been favorably received last session the estimates would have been doubled.

Conservative criticism of the Government's naval policy outside of Quebec—is based on the accusation that the Government is not spending enough. Mr. Borden demanded that Canada should contribute \$20,000,000 right off the reel. The Conservatives shriek over the cost of the National Transcontinental. Yet under their policy, the cost would have been doubled, or more. Under the present plan the Government is building the eastern section only; a company is building the rest. The Conservatives would have had the whole line a Government road. And so on.

If Mr. Borden would have his economy talk carry conviction, he must tell the public just where, when and how he proposes to retrench. Would he, for instance, reduce the indemnities of the members of Parliament to the old figure and discontinue the salary of the leader of the opposition?

### THE TORONTO NEWS AND THE PROSPEROUS OUTLOOK

For a newspaper which professes to see nothing but blue ruin confronting the country consequent upon the alleged maladministration of the affairs by the Laurier government, the very satisfactory account of the present conditions of prosperity which the country is enjoying and the very optimistic outlook for the future as portrayed in the editorial columns of The Toronto News on Saturday last and which is reproduced in another column of this issue, is certainly very inconsistent. One is almost inclined to congratulate the News on the change of heart, and at the same time to wonder what it is that has caused the scales to disappear from its eyes in this remarkable manner. In fact the News describes the present conditions as "an amazing season of prosperity." The revenue has reached a mark never yet approached and increases of more than a million are noted a month. Immigration is coming in at a steady rate, building operations are phenomenally active, manufacturers cannot keep pace with the demand, and so on. The crop conditions are all that the heart of man can desire, and a spirit of optimism prevades the country generally. It is to be hoped The News will not wake up some of these days and find it has made a mistake.

### FISH AND GAME PROTECTION

A new departure, but one that should receive the approval of all sportsmen, marks the August issue of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Ltd., Woodstock, Ont. The greater portion of the reading pages is given up to the reproduction in full of the Interim Report of the Ontario Fish and Game Commission. As a rule Government publications receive only scant attention and have but a limited circulation. In this instance, however, the Report, through its appearance in the Magazine, will be brought prominently before the attention of sportsmen, not only throughout Canada, but also in the States, and the many suggestions and recommendations contained therein can scarcely fail to have some effect in a much wider field than the Province. The interest taken in Fish and Game protection is now general throughout North America and this document will be studied and quoted for a long time to come. The statement of existing conditions and the many recommendations for improvements will bear much consideration from sportsmen. Through their organizations they should let the Government know their views on these matters in order that legislation may be based upon at least some of them. The interesting experience gained in "Canoeing on Lake Superior" is concluded and the story told of Mr. Vance's Pet Fox, while the capture of a big fish is related. For trapshooters the number is fascinating as it gives interesting accounts of many big meets and numerous smaller ones showing the importance attached to this branch of sport throughout the Dominion.

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### CROPS AND EMPIRE

(Toronto News, Conservative)

It cannot be doubted that the Dominion is passing through an amazing season of prosperity. Perhaps there has been nothing more striking and impressive in the history of the American continent. The Federal revenue has reached a hundred million dollars. Upon this increases of from a million to a million and a half a month are reported. During the half year immigration from Great Britain and Europe is estimated at over one hundred millions. The figures exceed those for the whole of 1909. There is no cessation in the movement from across the border. Building operations in the cities are phenomenally active. Manufacturers are unable to keep pace with the demand. Labors grows scarcer and wages rise higher. It begins to appear that the balance of political power will not pass to the West as soon as has been expected. The increase of farming population in the West means increase of industrial population in the East. In a few years Montreal and Toronto will each have a population of half a million, while there will be a proportionate growth in other industrial centres.

#### THE GRAIN ACREAGE

The crop reports from the West are not too encouraging, but a total wheat yield of one hundred million bushels is anticipated. In Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the outlook is satisfactory. For the whole country there is a total area of 9,295,000 acres under wheat, an increase of 1,554,000 over the year previous. The three Western Provinces have a wheat area of 8,376,345 acres, an increase over 1909 of 1,222,595. These Provinces have now the bulk of the wheat area, and nearly the whole increase in acreage. The total area under oats is estimated at 9,864,100 acres, an increase for the year of 561,000 acres. Ontario has 3,272,000 acres under oats, as compared with 3,142,200 for 1909; Quebec, 1,649,

600, as compared with 1,541,100, and Manitoba, 1,451,000, as compared with 1,390,000, Saskatchewan, now the first oat-growing as well as the first wheat-growing Province in the Confederation, has increased the acreage from 1,847,000 to 1,973,000, and Alberta from 820,000 to 974,000. The total area devoted to the four grain crops in the three Provinces is estimated at 14,500,000 acres, as compared with 12,500,000 acres for the year previous. There are slight increases throughout the Dominion in barley, rye, peas and mixed grains. The area of all field crops is estimated at 38,554,200 acres which gives an increase of 2,359,000 acres over 1909, and 4,951,050 acres over 1908.

#### AN IMPERIAL MARKET.

There has been damage by drought, but a spirit of optimism dominates the country, and, with the wider area of cultivation in the West, a general crop failure is far less likely than a few years ago. The situation has this significance for Great Britain. The rapid growth of settlement in the West assures an increasing stock of free wheat for the British market, with an increasing independence of foreign supplies, and, under Imperial reciprocity, an enlarging market for British manufactures. The old Canada, with a fringe of population along the lakes and the sea coasts, will soon be a memory. In a few years the new Canada will have a population of twenty millions, with vast producing capacity, a rich consuming market, and the taste for luxury which begins to distinguish this continent. It is surely worth while for British manufacturers to secure a privileged position in such a market, even at the cost of a preference to Canadian production in the Mother Country. Even if the issues of Empire were not at stake, commercial foresight would suggest the wisdom of a partnership which promises such great results in the future.

### CHEAP FARES TO TORONTO EXHIBITION

A trip to Toronto about the last week in August or the first week in September is bound to be most enjoyable, and all the more so if made during the time of the Canadian National Exhibition, which is the largest annual fair held anywhere on this continent.

The dates of the Exhibition this year are from August 27th until September 12th, and for a period extending over this time the Intercolonial Railway announce a series of special fares that ought to prove attractive to those who are contemplating a trip to the "Queen City." Round trip tickets at first class one way fare, will be issued on August 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and on Sept. 7th and 8th, good for return September 14th. Fares still more reasonable will prevail on August 26th and September 6th, these tickets being also good for return on September 14th.

Those travelling by the Intercolonial will be enabled to reach Toronto by the shortest and most comfortable route from the Maritime Provinces. The Ocean Limited, which arrives in Montreal at 7.35 a. m., connects at Bonaventure Union Depot with the Grand Trunk International Limited which leaving Montreal at 9.00 a. m., arrives in Toronto at 4.30 p. m., thus saving hours of time. The Maritime Express arriving in Montreal at 6.30 p. m., makes connection with the night express of the Grand Trunk Railway arriving in Toronto early the following morning. The opportunity is thus given for a most enjoyable trip at rates that are very reasonable. Traffic is always much increased during this period, and those who have this trip in mind will do well to apply early for sleeping-car reservations.

Motiers France Aug. 16—A heavy earthquake shock was felt here this morning. It lasted 27 seconds.

Motiers is in Southeastern France, a short distance from Mont Blanc, Mont Cenis and other giants of the Alps.

### CANADIAN COMMISSION ON NATURAL RESOURCES PREPARES PROGRAMME

Ottawa, Aug. 15—The Canadian Commission for the conservation of Natural Resources, of which Mr. Clifford Sifton is chairman, has planned an extensive programme of work for the committees, which constitute that body. The results of the inquiry to be made by the various committees if the work outlined is all accomplished should be far-reaching, and should add materially to our knowledge of the resources of the Dominion. An effort will be made by the committee on forests to get together the best available information in regard to timber still standing, its quality, acreage owned by private individuals, provinces and Dominion; likewise an estimate of the amount of timber in the forest reserves of the country. The committee will also make a study of the results which would attend the prohibition of the export of logs. To the committee on waters and water powers will fall the task of ascertaining all information as to developed and undeveloped water powers. A report will also be made as to the cause of difference of the flow of rivers and streams during the past quarter of a century, and also upon the effect of drainage of the levels of lakes. Attention will also be directed to water power legislation, with the object of having framed a law which will conserve the water powers of the country for the people, and will prevent this valuable asset of the country from falling into the hands of speculators for purposes of exploitation. Important and far-reaching recommendations along these lines will no doubt be made to both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

#### PROTECTION OF GAME AND FISH

The committee on fisheries, game and fur-bearing animals will secure the services of an expert to give his whole attention to the gathering of the data required. The committee will report as to the regulations of the amount expended in protection, and, generally, everything necessary

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to convey an accurate idea of the fisheries of each province. Similar information will be collected in regard to Dominion fisheries. The committee will report as to the regulations of, the amount expended in protection, and, generally, everything necessary to convey an accurate idea of the fisheries of each province. Similar information will be collected in regard to Dominion fisheries. The committee will also include in its report information in respect of international fisheries complications, and as to United States regulations for the preservation of fisheries, etc. Provincial game laws will be summarized, and an effort made to arrive at a knowledge of the effect of the protection afforded in the various sections of the country. A report will also be made as to the destruction of game by wolves, and the possibility of the perpetuation of fur-bearing animals inquired into. The work of the committee on public health will not be outlined until Dr. Hodgetts has made a preliminary report in respect to this matter.

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